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SUBJECT: EC UNEMPLOYMENT STILL AT 6 MILLION

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1. ABOUT SIX MILLION MEN AND WOMEN OF THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY (EC) WERE UNEMPLOYED IN JUNE, ACCORDING TO THE MONTHLY UNEMPLOYMENT REPORT OF THE EC COMMISSION'S STATISTICAL OFFICE. IN FACT, EC UNEMPLOYMENT, MEASURED IN SEASONALLY ADJUSTED TERMS, HAS BEEN HOVERING WITHIN 100,000 ABOVE OR BELOW THE SIX MILLION MARK FOR TWO YEARS.

2. THE NON-ADJUSTED FIGURE FOR REGISTERED UNEMPLOYMENT FOR JUNE WAS 5,605,800, A ONE PERCENT INCREASE OVER JUNE 1978. HOWEVER, DURING THAT 12-MONTH PERIOD THE NUMBER OF WOMEN UNEMPLOYED INCREASED BY 134,000, OR 5.6 PERCENT, WHILE MALE UNEMPLOYMENT DECREASED BY 2.5 PERCENT. THE JUNE-TO-JUNE COMPARISONS, WITH BREAKOUTS BY SEX (000S OMITTED):

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TOTAL	5,606	5,550	PLUS 1.0 PERCENT
MEN	3,096	3,174	MINUS 2.5 PCT.
WOMEN	2,510	2,376	PLUS 5.6 PERCENT

3. THE UNEMPLOYMENT (NON-ADJUSTED) IN JUNE 1979 CAME TO AN ESTIMATED 5.2 PERCENT OF THE CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE,

COMPARED TO 5.1 PERCENT A YEAR EARLIER, COMPARISON OF
UNEMPLOYMENT RATES OF EC COUNTRIES, WITH BREAKOUTS BY
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JUNE 78

TOTAL	7.5	5.8	4.7	3.4	3.7	8.5	6.7	0.7	5.6	5.1
MALE	4.6	5.3	3.7	2.6	3.5	9.5	5.9	0.5	6.4	4.7
FEMALE	12.5	6.4	6.3	4.7	4.2	6.1	8.6	1.0	4.2	5.9

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TOTAL	7.9	4.4	5.6	3.0	3.9	-	7.2	0.5	5.2	5.2
MALE	4.6	3.5	4.3	2.1	3.4	-	6.1	0.4	5.9	4.5
FEMALE	13.6	5.6	7.5	4.4	5.2	-	9.4	0.9	4.1	6.3

NOTES: IN RESPECT TO THE JUNE '79 DATA, THE INFORMATION
FOR IRELAND IS NOT YET AVAILABLE, AND THE
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